



*Military &  
Veterans Affairs*

*November 14, 2016*

*Report to the Joint Legislative Oversight  
Committee on General Government*



# *Agenda*

- Agency Mission, Vision, Values and Goals
- NC Military Hall of Fame
- Black Mountain name change update
- NC State Veteran Cemetery Staffing Update
- BRAC Funding Status Report
- Questions / Comment



# *NC Military Hall of Fame*

- **Section 20.2 of S.L. 2016-94 directed DMVA to study the feasibility of creating a NC Military Hall of Fame**
- DMVA finds that the Military Hall of Fame should reach diverse audiences throughout the state, maximize the number of visitors, and ensure accessibility for military members, veterans and their families and students.
- DMVA explored three different approaches
  - new, free-standing facility (most expensive)
  - an exhibit hosted by an existing facility (feasible and desirable, additional funds necessary)
  - a virtual Hall of Fame to be displayed electronically (least expensive)
- DMVA found that co-locating the Military Hall of Fame at the NC Museum of History would have many benefits.
  - additional space would be needed to create an exhibit at the NC Museum of History
  - it would cost approximately \$1.5 million to create the exhibit and \$8-\$10,000 annually to cover the costs of new signage and artifacts as inductees are added.
  - DMVA staff support would be needed to administer the nomination and selection process and organize events to honor inductees.





# *NC Military Hall of Fame*

- DMVA recommends including an online component to complement any static display that might be created.
- Additional guidance on the scope and preferred approach, along with appropriate level of resources are needed to create a Military Hall of Fame. Guidance is also welcome on which eras to include, and the type of award and event to honor the inductees.
- NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources should lead the effort with DMVA in a supporting role.
- DMVA recommends establishing a Joint Committee with reps from DNCR, the NCMAC and NCVAC, the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame, and the NC National Guard's Museum and History Section to determine eligibility requirements, nomination and selection process for inductees.



# *Renaming of the NC State Veterans Home in Black Mountain*



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- “SECTION 20.1. directed the DMVA to rename the North Carolina State Veterans Home in Black Mountain the "Zebulon Doyle Alley State Veterans Home.”
- DMVA will contract with a vendor to furnish and install letters on the facility entrance reading:
  - **Zebulon Doyle Alley State Veterans Home**
  - Funds will be used from the appropriations provided by the General Assembly
- Letters will be made of Gemini Cast Aluminum, painted bronze
- DMVA received feedback on behalf of Mr. Alley’s family and will work with them to determine the most appropriate way to commemorate the accomplishments of Mr. Alley within the facility.



## *NC State Veterans Cemeteries Staffing*



- DMVA is focused on improving the conditions at State Veterans Cemeteries.
- DMVA appreciates the two grounds worker positions provided by the General Assembly
  - Sandhill's (Fayetteville) Cemetery – new position #65024727 posted 11/10/16
  - Coastal (Jacksonville) Cemetery – new position #65024726 posted 11/10/16
- DMVA hired landscapers to add couplings to the irrigation system at Sandhills (Fayetteville) Cemetery to address patches of dry spots.
- DMVA submitted proposals for federal grants to assist with marker realignment and cleaning at Sandhills (Fayetteville) Cemetery and Coastal (Jacksonville) Cemetery and additional sod at Coastal.
- DMVA has received assistance from volunteer groups and inmate labor to help address maintenance deficiencies at the Sandhills, Coastal and Western Carolina (Black Mountain) cemeteries.
- DMVA plans to submit requests for federal expansion grants for Sandhills, Coastal and Western Carolina to increase burial sites.



# *BRAC Funding Status Report*



- The military and veterans community brings **\$66 billion** in economic impact to North Carolina and is the **2<sup>nd</sup> largest industry** after agriculture.
- The BRAC Fund contains non-recurring appropriations to enhance North Carolina's military value and protect our installations when DOD implements base closures or realignments.
- The Budget Control Act, also known as sequestration, is still in effect, which means that defense spending is reduced and the Services are being forced to find efficiencies in their budget and identify lower cost opportunities to train and operate.
- The Department of Defense has repeatedly stated the need for another Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round, citing approximately 30% in excess facilities.
- The BRAC Fund allows our state to conduct valuable analyses to find opportunities for military growth and federal advocacy to help ensure that North Carolina is in the best position possible to benefit from any future realignment.





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- The BRAC Fund allows the North Carolina Military Affairs Commission to conduct business, meet with Pentagon officials and Congressional offices, and attend key conferences.
- The BRAC Fund helps North Carolina compete with other military states for future missions by contracting with experts to identify and advocate for more military activities throughout North Carolina.
  - F-35, Lift Fan Repair Facility, KC46, C-17
- The BRAC Fund provides grant funding for defense communities
- BRAC Fund expenditures also contribute to successful economic and workforce development programs and protect against encroachment.
  - NCEPD
  - NC4ME
  - Sentinel Landscape
  - OEA



# BRAC Funding Status Report



	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Comment</u>
BRAC Appropriated FY 16-17	\$1,675,000.00	
• Admin Spend thru 31 October	\$39,616.00	
• Matrix Consulting Contract	\$270,000.00	6 mos 4/1-9/30/16by contract
• Consulting thru FY17 Projected	\$540,000.00	12 mos @ \$45,000/mo 10/1-9/30/17
• NC4ME Paid	\$40,000.00	
• Commerce Obligated	\$120,000.00	NCEDP
• Grant Money Obligated	\$200,000.00	** See Below
• Admin. Thru FY17 Projected	\$59,000.00	
• OEA Grant Obligation	\$27,000.00	
• Sentinel Landscape	\$150,000.00	
• <u>NCMBC</u>	<u>\$42,232.00</u>	
• <b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,487,848.00</b>	
• Non committed dollars	\$187,152.00	

\*\*1. ACT (Allies of Cherry Point for Tomorrow); Establishment of Military Influence Overlay Districts – Approved \$60,000 Grant!

2. City of Jacksonville; Install three monitoring wells – Partially Approved (Two of the three approved) for a total Grant of \$133,334.



# *Questions / Comments*

